

# CROP REPORT

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### Small grain yields up from 2001

According to the Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service, the State's 2002 winter wheat crop totaled 29.1 million bushels, up 4 percent from 2001. Harvested acreage was up 1 percent from 2001 to 710,000 acres. Yields averaged 41 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from the previous year but down 21 bushels from 2000. The spring wheat yield, at 35 bushels per acre, was up 5 bushels from 2001, but down 11 bushels from 2000. Production, at 4.9 million bushels, was up 5 percent from 2001, but down 41 percent from 2000. Harvested acres were down 10 percent from 2001 to 140,000 acres. Barley harvested acreage for 2002, at 74,000 acres, was down 26 percent from 2001. Production decreased 18 percent from 2001 to 3.7 million bushels. The average yield, at 50 bushels per acre, increased 5 bushels per acre from 2001 but was 10 bushels below 2000. This is the lowest production since 1936 and the lowest harvested acres since 1930. Oat production totaled 3.1 million bushels, 60 percent above last year. Yields averaged 88 bushels per acre, 11 bushels above last year, but 10 bushels below 2000. Acres of oats harvested for grain at 35,000 was 40 percent above the previous year.

Pacific Northwest (Oregon, Idaho and Washington) winter wheat production totaled 186.9 million bushels for 2002, up slightly from 2001. PNW yields averaged 59.3 bushels per acre. Idaho growers averaged 79 bushels per acre and Washington growers averaged 59 bushels per acre. Spring wheat production totaled 64.5 million bushels, 1 percent above 2001. Barley production increased slightly from 2001 to 76.0 million bushels. Oat production increased 39 percent from 2001 to 5.5 million bushels.

Nationally, all wheat production totaled 1.62 billion bushels in 2002, down 4 percent from the last forecast and 17 percent below 2001. This is the lowest production since 1972. Grain area is 46.0 million acres, down 5 percent from last year and the smallest area harvested since 1970. The U.S. yield is 35.3 bushels per acre, down 4.9 bushels from a year ago. Levels of production and change from last year by type are: winter wheat, 1.14 billion bushels, down 16 percent; other spring wheat, 402 million bushels, down 22 percent; and Durum wheat, 80.2 million bushels, down 4 percent. Barley production is estimated at 227 million bushels, down 10 percent from the August forecast and down 9 percent from last year's estimate. This year's production is the lowest since 1937. Average yield per acre, at 54.9 bushels, is down 1.0 bushel from August and down 3.3 bushels from 2001. The area harvested for grain is estimated at 4.14 million acres, down 8 percent from August and 4 percent below a year ago, and is the lowest level since 1898. Oat production is estimated at 119 million bushels, 16 percent below the August 1 forecast, but 2 percent above last year's record low 117 million bushels. The estimated yield is 56.8 bushels per acre, 2.6 bushels above the August 1 forecast, but 4.6 bushels below 2001. Area for harvest is estimated at 2.10 million acres, 20 percent below the August 1 estimate but up 10 percent from a year ago.

### Annual Small Grains Summary

Crop	Oregon <sup>2/</sup>			Pacific Northwest			United States		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	1,000 acres	Bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 acres	Bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 acres	Bushels	1,000 bushels
All wheat									
2001	855	38.2	32,650	4,435	56.5	250,380	48,633	40.2	1,957,043
2002	850	40.0	34,010	4,415	56.9	251,365	46,022	35.3	1,624,636
Winter wheat									
2001	700	40.0	28,000	3,160	59.0	186,580	31,295	43.5	1,361,479
2002	710	41.0	29,110	3,150	59.3	186,870	29,651	38.5	1,142,802
Spring wheat <sup>1/</sup>									
2001	155	30.0	4,650	1,275	50.0	63,800	17,338	34.4	595,564
2002	140	35.0	4,900	1,265	51.0	64,495	16,371	29.4	481,834
Barley									
2001	100	45.0	4,500	1,190	63.7	75,750	4,289	58.2	249,420
2002	74	50.0	3,700	1,124	67.6	76,020	4,135	54.9	226,873
Oats									
2001	25	77.0	1,925	57	69.2	3,945	1,905	61.4	117,024
2002	35	88.0	3,080	70	78.3	5,480	2,098	56.8	119,132

<sup>1/</sup> U.S. total includes durum wheat. <sup>2/</sup> Acres and production revised for 2001 spring wheat.